

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2401**

January 8, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Classifies some previously excluded materials as “minerals,” depending on the population of the county in which they are located. Requires identification of the operator’s legal right to mine and remove minerals on land before being issued a permit to engage in surface mining. Requires any operator engaging in rock harvesting on land that the operator does not own to either have written agreement with the surface owner or a conveyance that grants the right to extract minerals by surface mining methods.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the department currently has the capacity to regulate the use of explosives in surface mining, and the added costs are considered not significant.
- No impact on the regulatory activities of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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